

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF FUNDS FOR PWD
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has recently convened a meeting with State Commissions for Persons with Disabilities;
- (b) if so, the details of discussions held and decision arrived therein;
- (c) whether the Union Government has taken any steps to ensure effective utilization of funds allocated in the disability sector and better coordination with the State Governments in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (e) Yes Sir. The Sixth National Meeting of State Commissioners for Persons with Disabilities to review the implementation of Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 was held on 2nd and 3rd February 2007 in New Delhi. The meeting inter-alia discussed the issues such as utilization of funds, mechanism to review the status of implementation of the PWD Act, 1995, awareness among the people with disabilities, streamlining and simplification of the procedures for getting the disability certificate, more effective functioning of the Office of CCD etc. The detailed recommendations made during the meeting are available at the website www.ccdisabilities.nic.in of the Office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.